



BEACHES

Van Buren State Park, South Haven

A great place to go for beach activities on Lake Michigan. The beach has modern bathroom facilities. Entrance to the park requires a motor vehicle permit which can be purchased upon arrival at the park. The southern portion of the park is dog-friendly.

michigan.gov/vanburen

Deerlick Creek Park (Dog Beach), South Haven

The area's original beach that allows dogs. It's pretty, and pretty tiny, but it's great if your pup likes to get wet. Ask us for directions.

North Beach and South Beach, South Haven

A couple of really great beaches located near the center of South Haven. The beaches are located on either side of the Black River, which divides the town in half. The beaches have day-rate parking lots and both have concession stands for snacks, soft-drinks as well as beach chair and umbrella rental.

southhaven.com, click on "Beaches and Parks"

Pilgrim Haven Natural Area, South Haven

A new park is being developed on a former church camp. Visit the website for updates to infrastructure development and directions. Dog-friendly.

swmlc.org/content/pilgrim-haven-natural-area

Oval Beach, Saugatuck

This beach is often mentioned as one of the most beautiful in Michigan. There is a parking fee to be paid upon arrival. saugatuck.com

"Secret Beach", Glenn

That's what we call it, anyway. Wau-Ke-Na ("forest-by-the-water") is the largest of Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy's preserves and includes forests, fields, streams, ponds, bluffs, and a great beach. Ask us for directions. (Otherwise it wouldn't be a secret.) Dog-friendly.

Saugatuck Dunes State Park, Saugatuck

A really beautiful hike to a gorgeous beach. Entrance to the park requires a motor vehicle permit which can be purchased upon arrival at the park.

michigan.gov/saugatuckdunes

Covert Township Park and Campground, Covert

This beach is new on our radar. A day pass needs to be purchased for non-residents.

.covertpark.com

ALSO NOTE:

Black River

Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail

A volunteer group is working to maintain a canoe and kayak trail encompassing 21 miles of the South Branch of the Black River. There is approximately 8.5 miles of river pathway created and maintained. You can put in at the canoe and kayak launch site in South Haven or the Basic Family Access (see website).

vbco.org/water_trail.asp

